

Amendments to the Claims:

This claim listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim Listing:

- 1-24. (Cancelled)
25. (Currently amended) A method for modulating the immunostimulatory effect of an immunostimulatory oligonucleotide compound, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a 3'-3' linkage, 1',2'-dideoxyribose, C3-linker, Spacer 9, Spacer 18, nucleoside methylphosphonate, 2-aminobutyl-1,3-propanediol linker,  $\beta$ -L-deoxynucleoside, amino linker, ~~2'-O-methyl-ribonucleoside~~, 2'-O-propargyl-ribonucleoside[,]] or 3'-deoxynucleoside or 2'-5' linkage.
- 26-38. (Cancelled)